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In re Application of:) Docket Number: LE99-02

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Serial No: 09/688,500) Group Art Unit: 2841

Filed: October 16, 2000) Examiner: Alcala, Jose H.

For: CARRIER BASED ELECTRONIC MODULE

December 11, 2001

Response to Office Action of September 11, 2001 and Petition for Extension of Time to Respond

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office communication dated September 11, 2001, the Applicants respectfully submit the following in connection with the above-noted application.

In the office action the Exmainer identified seven different embodiments of the invention and stated that Applicants must select one of the embodiments for prosecution. In response the Applicants select the first embodiment depicted in Figs. 1,2, 3, and 5.

The Examiner also requested a listing of all claims that read on the elected embodiment. Accordingly, Applicants believe one or more of the following claims read on the elected embodiment: Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29.

Applicants reserve the right to file any divisional applications they deem

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warranted based on the Examiners requirement for an election.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the response setforth herein he is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss the same.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time to answer the above referenced office action, extending the time to answer from October 11, 2001 to December 11, 2001 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136. Enclosed herewith is a check for \$200.00, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17, to pay for the requested extension. The applicants and assignee are eligible for small entity status.

Respectfully submitted,

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